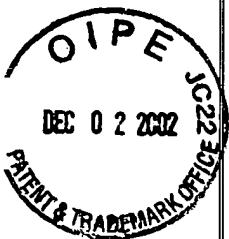


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In re application of:

Thomas W. Rademacher; Hugo Caro

Application No.: 09/775,856

Filed: 2/1/2001

For: **Cyclitol Containing Carbohydrates
From Human Tissue Which Regulate
Lipogenic Activity**

Examiner: Delacroix-Muirheid, C.

Art Unit: 1614

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 27, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Status of the Claims.

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application.

Election/Restriction.

In the Office Action, the Examiner restricted the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 121, requiring Applicants to elect one of the following claim groups for prosecution in the present application:

- I. Claims 1, 2, 4-12, and 14-20, drawn to a monoclonal antibody, pharmaceutical compositions thereof and immunoassays
- II. Claims 3 and 13, drawn to hybridomas

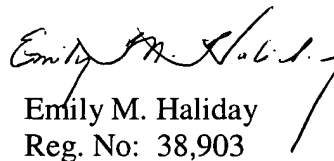
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Applicants hereby elect Claim Group I (claims 1, 2, 4-12, and 14-20).

If a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (510) 769-3509.

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